

# ARTICLES

*Complete the blanks in the text with **A, AN, THE** or – (no article).*

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ St. Petersburg is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ largest port and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ second largest city in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Russia. It is built near (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Baltic Sea, 160 kilometers to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ south of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Finnish border. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ city was completed in 1712 and for two centuries it was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ capital of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Russian Empire. Famous architects built (11) \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful cathedrals, palaces and bridges over (12) \_\_\_\_\_ River Neva.

(13) \_\_\_\_\_ Hermitage is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ important museum in this city. It was built by Catherine the Great in 1764 and it was first (15) \_\_\_\_\_ private gallery next to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Palace. But after (17) \_\_\_\_\_ fire destroyed (18) \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Palace in 1837, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ museum was rebuilt and it was opened to (20) \_\_\_\_\_ public in 1852. Today it is one of (21) \_\_\_\_\_ greatest art galleries in (22) \_\_\_\_\_ world and contains a lot of important works of art.

## Key

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